

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Wilcox County

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## **Accomplishments**

During the 2012-2013 council year the Wilcox County Children's Policy Council worked extremely hard for the children of our county. Activities included, but are not limited to the following:

- \* Seventh Annual Family Summit
- \* Held Monthly Meetings, September - June
- \* Continued with existing Mentoring Programs: Junior Deputies and County-Wide Peace Councils
- \* Co-Sponsored a County-Wide Youth Sabbath Day
- \* Made community -wide contributions
- \* Communicated with churches throughout the county seeking support and participation of our programs.
- \* Continued community relationships with AIDT, State Government and local officials, local Workforce Development entities, Alabama Southern Community College, local businesses, the Office of Post Secondary Education to support the existing Ready to Work Programs within the community and at Wilcox Central High School as well as Wilcox County Department of Human Resources.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

The children of Wilcox County need family security and stability.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
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### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

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1. Continuation of an established Annual Family Summit event that is designed to educate and heighten the awareness of parents and youth on current issues of concern.
2. Receiving support from the community to bring businesses into the county.
3. Continued partnership with the community to increase workforce development.

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

The children of Wilcox County need to be healthy.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Existing resources available to help meet this need include: Wilcox County Health Department Wilcox County Rural Health Clinics Countywide Summer Feed/Nutrition Programs J Paul Jones Hospital Wilcox County-Alabama Extension Cooperative Agency Local Faith-based Food Pantry	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: Transportation services to local facilities as well as specialized medical offices outside the county. Parental education classes.

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

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1. Mobile health care units that travel through out the county.
2. Affordable and accessible transportation services for the underserved.
3. Parental health education programs.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

The children of Wilcox County need to be successful in school.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Existing resources available to help meet this need include: Renewal of existing HIPPY Program operated through the Wilcox County Board of Education Renewal of existing Parents as Teachers Home Visitation Program in Wilcox County operated through the Family Guidance Center Wilcox County Family Resource Center Wilcox County Public Library Junior Deputy and Peace Council Mentoring Group operated through the Wilcox County CPC	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include: A funding source that provides free computers to low and no income families. An increase in more productive internet services in rural communities.

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

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1. An established parenting class to educate caregivers.
2. An increase in adult education sites throughout the county for parents/caregivers.